



State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services

Administrative Policies and Procedures: 16.47-BA

Subject: Placement Of Children In Residential Treatment Centers or Other Group Care Settings With a Capacity in Excess of Eight (8) Children

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To All Department of Children's Services Assistant Commissioners and Regional Program Operations Employees

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Policy

Children shall not be placed in a residential treatment center or other group care setting with a capacity in excess of eight (8) children without express written approval by the Regional Administrator.

Procedures

**Regional
Administrator
certification of
need**

1. Children shall not be placed in residential treatment centers or other group care settings with a capacity in excess of eight (8) children
2. The only exception to the above may occur when the Regional Administrator certifies, based on a personal determination, that the child's needs may be met in that specific facility.
3. Upon making this determination, the Regional Administrator shall document in TN Kids case recording and/or case file, the basis for the decision and the

services available to meet the child's individual needs and that the facility is the least restrictive placement that could meet the child's needs.

Forms

None

Collateral Documents

None

Standards

None

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